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Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—"May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to give a few examples of proposals which do not relate to rates?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I have got a list and will send a copy to the hon. Member."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"May I know if the Government realizes that objections to rates and objections to other matters are interdependent and that it is not possible to separate one from the other?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"It is perfectly possible."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"May I know whether the Government will make it clear what the interests of the ryots are and what the interests of the Government are which are likely to be affected if there is delay?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"If the hon. Member had been listening when I replied to Mr. Narayana Raju he would have understood and got his answer."

Considerations of representations from the public regarding the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts.

*24 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the authority who is to receive and consider the representations of the public on the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Board of Revenue has already approved the proposals contained in the scheme report without waiting for the representations of the public; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the same gentleman, namely, Mr. B. G. Holdsworth, who prepared the scheme report, was Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, when the latter approved of the proposals in the report?

A.—(a) As notified in the District Gazettes the Special Settlement Officer will receive the representations of the public on the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts and submit them to the Government for consideration through the Board of Revenue.

(b) The Board of Revenue has submitted the report with its remarks for the consideration of the Government.

(c) No. Mr. Holdsworth joined as Secretary to the Board on the 6th August 1927. The Board's Resolution submitting the report to Government with the Board's remarks is dated 1st May 1927.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—"With regard to the answer to clause (a) of this question, may I know what good there is in the ryots trying to convince the Settlement Officer about their grievances when that officer has already made his report?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"This procedure saves time. If the Settlement Officer says what he has to say on the representation of the ryots, the Government will be in a position to come to some conclusion, otherwise the representations would have to be sent to the Settlement Officer's remarks."